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**MIND YOUR BISCUITS ROLLS TO WIN GRADE III, \$200,000 LUKAS CLASSIC;
NOV. 3 BREEDERS' CUP IS NEXT FOR RICHEST NEW YORK-BRED OF ALL-TIME**

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018) – Mind Your Biscuits – the richest New York-bred of all-time – proved he's a quality horse at most any distance when the three-time Grade I-winning sprinter rolled to a 4 ¾-length victory over **Toast of New York** and defending champ **Honorable Duty** in Saturday night's sixth running of the \$200,000 Lukas Classic Presented by Budweiser (Grade III) at Churchill Downs over 1 1/8 miles – the highlight of a stakes quartet on a special "Downs After Dark" nighttime program that attracted a crowd of 16,126.

The 5-year-old son of Posse covered the distance in 1:48.64, which was just six-hundredths of a second behind **Fort Larned's** 2013 stakes record of 1:48.58. Rising star and Florida-based jockey **Tyler Gaffalione** rode the winner for trainer **Chad Summers**, who co-owns the horse with **Shadai Farm, J Stables LLC, Head of Plains Partners LLC, M. Scott Summers, Daniel Summers** and **Michael Kisber**.

New Jersey-invader **Flowers for Lisa** set the pace of :23.73 and :48.09 with Mind Your Biscuits racing keenly just behind the leader while between horses with Honorable Duty to his inside and **Breaking Lucky** on the outside. Midway down the backstretch, Mind Your Biscuits took sole possession of second and then ranged up on the outside of Flowers for Lisa midway around the turn as they ran six furlongs in 1:12.27.

Mind Your Biscuits put his head in front at the head of the quarter-mile stretch as Toast of New York rallied wide and Honorable Duty continued on along the rail. The eventual winner spurted well clear down the lane and easily put away his nearest threats for his first triumph around two turns.

"This horse is so classy," Gaffalione said. "I'm thankful for Chad for letting me ride. This horse was very impressive tonight and going into the Breeders' Cup in great shape. We sat a perfect trip and when I asked him to run he responded right away and finished well."

Prior to the Lukas Classic, Mind Your Biscuits finished second and 2 ¾ lengths behind fellow New York-bred **Diversify** in the Aug. 4 Whitney (GI) at Saratoga, his first try at the 1 1/8-mile distance. In March, Mind Your Biscuits made international headlines when he scored his second consecutive win in the Dubai Golden Shaheen (GI) on Dubai World Cup night at Meydan Racecourse – his fifth graded stakes win and third against Grade I company. With the victory, he surpassed 2003 Kentucky Derby winner **Funny Cide** as the richest New York-bred of all-time.

Saturday's victory was worth \$120,280 which increased Mind Your Biscuit's earnings to \$4,279,566 (83rd all-time) with a record of 24-8-1-3.

"I can breathe a little bit now," Summers said. "This horse is so special to us and he proved tonight he can go the longer distance. We'll get with all of the owners and see which race we'll run in for the Breeders' Cup. He'll stay here at Churchill Downs and train up to the race."

Mind Your Biscuits has finished third in the last two renewals of the six-furlong TwinSpires.com Breeders' Cup Sprint (GI) but is also under consideration for the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) and \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (GI). All three races will be run Nov. 3 at Churchill Downs.

Mind Your Biscuits is out of the Toccet mare Jazzmane and was bred in New York by **Jumping Jack Racing LLC**.

Mind Your Biscuits rewarded his backers with payoffs of \$4.60, \$3 and \$2.20 as the 6-5 favorite. Toast of New York, who was ridden by **Julien Leparoux** off a 245-day layoff, returned \$9 and \$4.40 with Honorable Duty another head back in third under **Corey Lanerie** and paid \$2.80 to show.

Flowers for Lisa, **Rated R Superstar, Remembering Rita, Term of Art** and Breaking Lucky completed the order of finish.

"I'd say that's not too shabby after not running for so long," said Toast of New York's trainer **Jamie Osborne**. "He was a bit rusty but that's to be expected. I think it warrants us to stick around a little longer here in Kentucky. Hopefully he's alright after the race and we will figure out our plan regarding the Breeders' Cup."

The Lukas Classic honors the iconic 83-year-old Hall of Fame trainer **D. Wayne Lukas**. The four-time winner of the Kentucky Derby and Kentucky Oaks and conditioner of 26 Eclipse Award-winning champions has been based at Churchill Downs' Barn 44 since 1989.

SEEKING THE SOUL POSSIBLE FOR BREEDERS' CUP AFTER ACK ACK TRIUMPH

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018) – Charles Fipke's homebred **Seeking the Soul** could be headed to the Breeders' Cup World Championships on Nov. 3 at Churchill Downs after scoring a 1 ¼-length victory over **Nice Not Nice** and **Giant Expectations** in Saturday night's 26th renewal of the \$100,000 Ack Ack Presented by GE Appliances (Grade III) beneath the historic Twin Spires.

Seeking the Soul, ridden by **Brian Hernandez Jr.** and trained by **Dallas Stewart**, ran one mile in 1:35.01.

C. Z. Rocket, the 6-5 favorite in the field of six, and **Churchill Downs Racing Club's Warrior's Club** set a slow early pace – :24.03 for the first quarter mile and :47.63 for the half – as Seeking the Soul raced only a couple of lengths back while in the clear mid-pack.

"I think the slower pace helped me today," Hernandez said. "I was able to keep up close to the pace and the leaders didn't get away from me."

Seeking the Soul commenced his winning move around the turn, took over at the top of the lane and repelled challenges from Nice Not Nice, Giant Expectations, C. Z. Rocket and **Awesome Slew**, who all made bids and chased the eventual winner. **Warrior's Club** faded to last.

"This horse is a Grade I winner and he showed it tonight," Hernandez said. "I have always been confident in him."

The first prize was \$61,380 and hiked Seeking the Soul's bankroll to \$1,482,542 with a record of 21-6-4-5.

Seeking the Soul, the 7-2 second betting choice, paid \$9.20, \$5.20 and \$3.40. Nice Not Nice, ridden by **Gabriel Saez**, returned \$12.60 and \$4.80. Southern California-invader Giant Expectations, under **Julien Leparoux**, paid \$4.40.

Seeking the Soul is Kentucky-bred son of Perfect Soul (IRE) out of the Seeking the Gold mare Seeking the Title.

Prior to the Ack Ack, Seeking the Soul finished 13th in the \$750,000 Woodward (GI) over 1 1/8 miles at Saratoga on Sept. 1. After running third in last year's Lukas Classic, Seeking the Soul won a 1 1/16-mile condition allowance at Keeneland and then scored in the \$500,000 Clark Handicap (GI) at Churchill Downs in late November.

Fipke and Stewart have plenty of options for Seeking the Soul's next start, which could come in either the \$6 million Breeders' Cup Classic (GI) or \$1 million Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile (GI).

"It looks like we have some decisions to make now," Stewart said. "We'll definitely look at the Breeders' Cup but we'll decide on the Dirt Mile or Classic. Mr. Fipke is simply a great owner. He's a great person to work with and this night is absolutely awesome. We're here with family and friends and we get to celebrate a great horse."

Four of the last five Ack Ack winners – **Pants On Fire** (2013), **Tapiture** (2015), **Tom's Ready** (2016) and **Awesome Slew** (2017) – used the race as a springboard to the Breeders' Cup Dirt Mile.

For Hernandez, it was his third Ack Ack win after previous riding **Neck 'n Neck** (2012) and **Tom's Ready** (2016) to victories. Stewart was the trainer of the latter.

The race is named in honor of **Cain Hoy Stable's** 1971 Horse of the Year **Ack Ack**, who is enshrined in the National Museum of Racing and Hall of Fame. In his only Churchill Downs appearance, Ack Ack won the 1969 Derby Trial in 1:34.40 which was a track record for one mile that has since been eclipsed.

HOT SPRINGS WINS JEFFERSON CUP TO STAY UNBEATEN AT CHURCHILL DOWNS

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018) – **Hot Springs** collected his first stakes victory and third win in as many starts at Churchill Downs when he spurted clear inside the final sixteenth of a mile to win the 42nd running of the \$100,000 Jefferson Cup (Listed) for 3-year-olds on Saturday night at Churchill Downs.

Ridden by **Ricardo Santana Jr.** and trained by **Steve Asmussen**, Hot Springs had a perfect inside tracking trip behind the early leaders before he swung out at the top of the stretch to collar longshot pacesetter **Discovered** in deep stretch to win by one length. **Captivating Moon** was another head back in third.

Hot Springs clocked 1 1/8 miles on the "good" Matt Winn Turf Course in 1:54.18 – the slowest of 28 renewals over the distance and surface – and won for the third time in six career starts for **Bill Farish Jr.'s Woodford Racing LLC**.

The \$59,520 winner's share jumped the Uncle Mo colt's earnings to \$187,720. Previously, the Kentucky-bred finished fourth in last month's \$300,000 Saranac (GIII) at Saratoga and was second in the \$200,000 Kent (GIII) at Delaware Park in July.

He paid \$6.60, \$4 and \$3 as the 2-1 betting choice in the field of nine.

Morning line favorite **Majestic Eagle** was scratched early in the evening.

For Asmussen, it was his second Jefferson Cup victory after taking the 2007 renewal with **Inca King**.

The Jefferson Cup is named in honor of Jefferson County, the most populous county in Kentucky which Churchill Downs resides.

QUICK SAND AA IMPRESSES IN GRADE I, \$100,000 PRESIDENT OF UAE CUP

LOUISVILLE, Ky. (Saturday, Sept. 29, 2018) – **Betty and Joseph Gillis'** Mississippi-bred **Quick Sand AA** scored a romping nine-length score in Saturday's \$100,000 President of the United Arab Emirates Cup (Grade I) for purebred Arabian 4-year-olds and up at Churchill Downs.

Quick Sand AA rallied from off the pace under jockey **Sasha Risenhoover** and passed pace-setting **Uptown Sandy Girl** at the top of the stretch to score a comfortable victory.

Madjikman, under jockey **Shaun Bridgmohan**, rallied to finish second while **Quick Sand AA's** stablemate **Easter Man** picked up third with **Keibar Coa** aboard.

Trained by **Jerenesto Torres**, Quick Sand AA has now won 11-career races through 22 starts with earnings of \$262,711.

The 5-year-old gray son of Burning Sand paid \$5.60, \$3.80 and \$2.60. The victory was Quick Sand AA's fourth Grade I win of 2018 and makes him a likely Arabian Horse of the Year winner. The homebred previously won the Aug. 18 Delaware Classic Handicap (GI) at Delaware Park, the April 7 Fatima Bint Mubarak Stakes at Santa Anita Park and the Sheikh Zayed bin Sultan al Nahyah Stakes at Sam Houston.

This was the sixth time since 2011 a race for purebred Arabian horses – the world's most ancient breed of equines – was staged at the world-famous Churchill Downs.

\$19,973 CARRYOVER FOR SINGLE 6 JACKPOT; MANDATORY PAYOUT CLOSING DAY

Racing at Churchill Downs resumes Sunday for closing day of the 11-day September Meet. The first of 10 races is 12:45 p.m. Eastern and there's a **\$19,973 carryover** in the **Single 6 Jackpot**, which has a **mandatory payout** because of the meet's conclusion. The six-race sequence will cover Races 5-10 starting at 2:45 p.m.

Sunday's **National Weather Service** forecast for Louisville calls for ideal conditions: sunny skies with a high near 81.

LUKAS CLASSIC QUOTES

Tyler Gaffalione, jockey of **MIND YOUR BISCUITS (winner)**: "This horse is so classy. I'm thankful for Chad (Summers) for letting me ride. This horse was very impressive tonight and going into the Breeders' Cup in great shape. We sat a perfect trip and when I asked him to run he responded right away and finished well."

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Julien Leparoux, jockey of **TOAST OF NEW YORK (runner-up)**: "He ran well. I was very pleased with his effort. Even though he was getting a little tired in the stretch he was still trying hard to pass horses. It was a good race overall."

Brendan Walsh, trainer of **HONORABLE DUTY (third)**: "It just wasn't our night tonight."

Jorje Navarro, trainer of **FLOWERS FOR LISA (fourth)**: "I thought he ran a great race. My wife is from here in Kentucky so it was nice to be able to come back home for her. We're proud of his race."

Jose Ferrer, jockey of **FLOWERS FOR LISA (fourth)**: "He ran huge. He fought hard until the end and ran a good race."

ACK ACK QUOTES

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Dallas Stewart, trainer of SEEKING THE SOUL (winner): "It looks like we have some decisions to make now. We'll definitely look at the Breeders' Cup but we'll decide on the Dirt Mile (GI) or Classic (GI). Mr. Fipke is simply a great owner. He's a great person to work with and this night is absolutely awesome. We're here with family and friends and we get to celebrate a great horse."

Buff Bradley, trainer of NICE NOT NICE (runner-up): "I'm so proud of this horse. We ran a great second and I know the owners are absolutely thrilled as well to run second. He proved tonight he belongs at this level."

Gabriel Saez, jockey of NICE NOT NICE (runner-up): "It was a great race. He tried the whole time and got his nose down for second."

Julien Leparoux, jockey of GIANT EXPECTATIONS (third): "He got into a good position and may have gotten a little tired."

JEFFERSON CUP QUOTES

Ricardo Santana Jr., jockey of HOT SPRINGS (winner): "This horse loves it on this course at Churchill Downs. He's won on it twice and handles it very well. I have to thank the owner and trainer for allowing me to ride this horse. I was very confident in him tonight and we got it done. I think he is just going to get better with age."

Scott Blasi, assistant trainer of HOT SPRINGS (winner): "He came out of the (Sept. 1 Saranac) at Saratoga in great shape. We were excited to bring him into this race. He loves it here at Churchill Downs. We'll see where our options are next depending on how he comes out of this race. I think he'll continue to improve as he gets more mature."

Declan Cannon, jockey of DISCOVERED (runner-up): "It took a \$750,000 purchase to beat us. I'll tell you what, we almost stole it on the front end. He ran so well and tried hard. We almost had it."

Corey Lanerie, jockey of CAPTIVATING MOON (third): "He ran well and we sat a good trip. He tried hard to close late but we just couldn't quite get by the horses up front."

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED ARAB EMIRATES CUP QUOTES

Sasha Risenhoover, jockey of QUICK SAND AA (winner): "This horse is so special. I got a great trip and he was able to relax early on in the race. I let him do his own thing and when we turned for home he kicked it into gear."

Jerenesto Torres, trainer of QUICK SAND AA (winner) and EASTER MAN (third): "I think Quick Sand is the best horse I've ever trained. It was great to get this victory tonight here at Churchill Downs. I'm so pleased and thankful for everyone involved."

Shaun Bridgmohan, jockey of MADJIKMAN (runner-up): "He ran well. The winner was the best horse in the race but we ran a good effort to get second."

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